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SUBJECT: FATIGATTI AGAIN FAILS TO APPEAR

REF: A) BA 8451 B) BA 8463

1. CRUZADA VICE PRESIDENT ERNESTO FATIGATTI FAILED TO APPEAR FOR THE THIRD TIME BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE JANUARY 8. FEDERAL POLICE, WHO HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO NOTIFY FATIGATTI AND GUARANTEE HIS APPEARANCE (SEE REF A), INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM "AT THE PLACES HE USUALLY FREQUENTS." WHEN QUESTIONED BY NEWSMEN, COMMITTEE PRESIDENT DOMINGO LOPEZ (FREJULI, BUENOS AIRES) SAID THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TODAY TO STUDY THE SITUATION AND DECIDE IF FATIGATTI SHOULD BE DECLARED "A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE." LOPEZ ADDED THAT THE FEDERAL POLICE WOULD PRESENT A WRITTEN REPORT ON THEIR EFFORTS TO LOCATE FATIGATTI TODAY (JANUARY 9).

2. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT APPEAR TO TESTIFY, FATIGATTI INFORMED THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE (HOW IS NOT CLEAR) THAT HE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE ARMY FORM A "MILITARY HONOR COURT (TRIBUNAL DE HONOR MILITAR) TO JUDGE HIS CONDUCT AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CRUZADA."

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3. IN A RELATED INVESTIGATION, FORENSIC DOCTORS INFORMED

FEDERAL JUDGE ALFREDO FASOLINO THAT THEY WOULD NEED TO PERSONALLY EXAMINE LOPEZ REGA TO DEFINITELY DETERMINE IF HIS DIABETES IMPEDED HIM FROM TRAVELING (REF B). THEIR REPORT, PREPARED AT FASOLINO'S REQUEST WHEN LOPEZ REGA FAILED TO APPEAR FOR HIM DATE WITH THE COURT, SENDING INSTEAD HIS DAUGHTER WITH A JUSTIFYING MEDICAL CERTIFICATE, ADDED THAT "WITH ADEQUATE HYGIENIC, DIETETIC, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT, DIABETES CAN BE CORRECTED IN A SHORT PERIOD." FINALLY, THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT "ONLY A DIABETIC COMA WOULD HAVE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE (FOR LOPEZ REGA) TO TRAVEL."

4. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THESE SEPARATE BUT RELATED INVESTIGATIONS ARE GETTING MORE COMPLICATED AND CONFUSING BY THE HOUR, THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS REMAIN CLEAR: THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES CONTINUE TO PRESS THEIR INQUIRIES, AND THE EXECUTIVE PERSISTS IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO OBSTRUCT THEM. MRS. PERON'S CHANGE IN TACTICS (REF A) HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN SIDETRACKING THE PROBES. IF ANYTHING, HER CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE HAS ONLY SERVED TO DRAW MORE ATTENTION TO HER REAL ATTITUDE. SINCE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN'T KEEP THE LID ON FOREVER, ITS MOST PROBABLE GOAL IS TO PREVENT ANY DAMAGING INVESTIGATION RESULTS FROM SURFACING UNTIL THE PERONISTS ARE SAFELY ENSCONCED IN THE CASA ROSADA FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS. THEREFORE, AS THE DATE FOR ELECTIONS APPROACHES, THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS ALONG THESE LINES WILL PROBABLY INTENSIFY. AGAIN, HOWEVER, GIVEN THE UNCERTAINTIES OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN GENERAL, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY WITH RESPECT TO ELECTIONS, THIS MAY ALL BE A FUTILE EXERCISE.

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